

THEIR FUTURE

ROMANI CHILDREN IN SLOVAKIA'S SCHOOLS



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Dear Minister.

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Thousands of Romani children across Slovakia remain segregated in special schools and classes and in Roma-only mainstream schools and classes offering inferior education.

Recalling the new government's commitment to meet its international human rights obligations and end segregation on the basis of ethnic origin, I urge you to:

- Include legal and policy provisions that clearly define segregation, and provide adequate resources to the State School Inspectorate, including robust, detailed guidelines and procedures on how to identify, monitor and combat discrimination and segregation in practice;
- Begin the systematic collection of data on education, disaggregated on the basis of gender and ethnicity;
- Introduce a clear duty on all schools to desegregate and provide effective support for them to do so;
- Introduce adequate measures to support Roma and non-Roma who need extra classroom assistance, so that they can attain their fullest potential within mainstream schools.

Yours sincerely,
Name: ______

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Image: Romani children are segregated at meal times in Krivany elementary school, Slovakia, eating their lunch in the corridor outside the cafeteria.

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